

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 741
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A RESOLUTION relative to the pilot programs to reimburse
licensed residential homes for the aged and
licensed supportive living facilities for the
mentally ill.

WHEREAS, in 1988, the General Assembly identified six (6) counties for funding
supplements for individuals who are mentally ill and living in a licensed supportive living facility;
and

WHEREAS, in 1990, three (3) counties were added to this outstanding pilot program,
and in 1996, two (2) additional counties were added to the pilot program; and

WHEREAS, as of March 1998, a total of fifty-one (51) facilities in seven (7) counties
were receiving funding supplements of two dollars (\$2.00) per day of residence per eligible
resident; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, the General Assembly established a pilot program to provide
funding supplements for licensed residential homes for the aged in three (3) counties; and

WHEREAS, since 1988, at least fifteen (15) counties have been added to this exemplary
pilot program, with the result that the maximum reimbursement rate of thirteen dollars (\$13.00)
per day per eligible patient has been drastically reduced for each such facility; and

WHEREAS, the fact that so many counties are eager to be included within these pilot
programs unequivocally proves that such programs are necessary for the provision of quality

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care to our mentally ill and aged citizens and should be funded and operated on a statewide basis; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation is hereby directed to:

- (1) Study the feasibility of operating and administering on a statewide basis the pilot program established to provide funding supplements for licensed supportive living facilities for the mentally ill (Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 12-4-330); and
- (2) To identify adequate funding sources to operate such a program on a statewide basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Health in consultation with the Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities is hereby directed to:

- (1) Study the feasibility of operating and administering on a statewide basis the pilot program established to provide funding supplements for licensed residential homes for the aged (Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 12-4-320); and
- (2) To identify adequate funding sources to operate such a program on a statewide basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Health and Mental Health and Mental Retardation shall submit their findings and recommendations relative to such feasibility study, including any proposed legislation, to the One Hundred First General Assembly no later than February 1, 1999.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Mental Health and Mental Retardation and the Commissioner of Health.